

Appl. No. 09/663,593
Amdt. dated September 29, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 25, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in claims 18-27.

Claims 16 - 27 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 16 - 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Eklund, Klas* (US Patent No. 5,146,298).

Applicant has cancelled claims 16 - 17. Therefore, the rejections under §102(b) are now moot.

Claims 18-24 have been amended per Examiner's suggestions.

Applicant believes he has addressed the Examiner's concerns. Therefore, the claims, as amended, are now allowable over the cited references. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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